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SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO FOREIGN AID LEGISLATION

REF T O T A R 5 (STATE 111772) - NOTAL

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FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM UNDER SECRETARY
TARR, ADMIRAL MC CAIN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREEN,
SA COORDINATOR O'CONNOR

1. DURING DISCUSSION OF CONGRESSIONAL AMENDMENTS OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, GREAT CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED BY AMBASSADORS AND DOD REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING SEVERAL AMENDMENTS WHICH COULD CRIPPLE THE ENTIRE IND-CHINA PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDE SENATOR MANSFIELD'S "END THE WAR" PROVISION, AND THE CAMBODIAN LIMITATION, AS NOTED IN STATE'S 112660. WE ALSO ASSUME THAT THE LIMITATION ON LAOS IS STILL IN THE WORKS, AND THAT A MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY ADMINISTRATION WITH THE SENATE STAFF TO GET UNDERSTANDING ON THE SCOPE OF THE AMENDMENT. [WE ARE HAPPY TO NOTE IN STATE 111772 THAT RESTRICTION ON THIRD COUNTRY FORCES IN LAOS HAS BEEN REMOVED.]

2. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO DEFEAT THESE AMENDMENTS TO PRESENT THESE VIEWS DIRECTLY TO KEY SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN, NOTING THAT THEY ALSO COME FROM ALL FOURTEEN CHIEFS OF MISSION WHO ARE ATTENDING THIS CONFERENCE,

DOS review(s) completed.

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WHO ARE DEALING WITH THESE OPERATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS, AND ALL OF WHOM HAVE A DEEP CONCERN REGARDING THESE AMENDMENTS.

3. SEPARATE CABLE FOLLOWS ON WOLFF'S DRUG AMENDMENT.

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